



## INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY WEBINAR

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Humankind at a Crossroads: Universal Human Rights versus  
Commercialized Forced Organ Harvesting from Living People

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I'm honored to join with Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting or DAFOH at this global webinar to commemorate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Over the last several months, I've been privileged to work with DAFOH and others to advance legislation regarding the persecution of the Falun Gong in China. One of these bills is the Falun Gong Protection Act, which I will be introducing in the next few days.

Our nation continues to witness increasingly distressing examples of communist China's depravity and see clearly that it has directed a campaign to harvest the organs of Falun Gong practitioners. These are living people having their organs taken from them. Some one and a half million believers may have lost their lives as the results. Advocates in America have repeatedly demonstrated our solidarity with the victims and will continue to do so.

In June of 2016, the United States House of Representatives unanimously passed a resolution urging the international community to assist in ending China's genocidal forced organ harvesting program.

This Congress, I introduced HR 5431, designating the Chinese Communist Party as a transnational criminal organization. In the bill, I cite the findings of the China Tribunal, which concluded that the crimes against the Falun Gong could constitute one of the world's worst atrocities committed in modern times.

We need a targeted piece of legislation to specifically address the persecution of the Falun Gong in China. And that's why the introduction of the Falun Gong Protection Act couldn't be more timely.

This bill would authorize President Biden to sanction anyone that has directly or indirectly contributed to forced organ harvesting within China. It would also instruct the Secretary of State to determine whether China's persecution of the Falun Gong constitutes an atrocity under a 2018 human rights bill.

The definition of an atrocity includes both crimes against humanity as well as genocide, and encourages the State Department to formally decide the nature of the persecution of the Falun Gong. Something that has been sorely missing in our China policy.

This bill also reinforces basic principles of internationally recognized human rights, that everyone -- every single person -- has the right to life, liberty, and the security of person.

It also states that no one shall be held in slavery or servitude.

China's persecution of the Falun Gong whether by forced organ harvesting, or unjust imprisonment, or forced labor is evil and perverse and the Congress must commit to ensuring that millions of Falun Gong practitioners are not denied the freedom to exercise their religious beliefs.

The Falun Gong Protection Act goes a long way to placing pressure on the Chinese to abandon its cruel, regressive extermination agenda, which is exactly what it is.

We must challenge the evil designs of the Chinese Communist Party, which entails highlighting its wanton disregard for basic standards of human decency.

I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to speak with you today about the Falun Gong Protection Act and I look forward to working with each of you to move it through Congress.

And at this time, I wish you God's blessings and good luck!